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Ad Hominem

(Attacking the person): This fallacy occurs when, instead of addressing someone's argument or position, you irrelevantly attack the person or some aspect of the person who is making the argument. The fallacious attack can also be direct to membership in a group or institution.

Examples:

1. Student: Hey, Professor Moore, we shouldn't have to read this book by Freud. Everyone knows he used cocaine.
2. Socrates' arguments about human excellence are rubbish. What could a man as ugly as he know about human excellence.
3. Yeah, I think everyone's opinion counts on moral matters like that, but that Lila sleeps around with anything. I know of at least one marriage she's broken up, so why should her opinion count on anything, much less morality?
4. Of course Marx' theories about the ideal society are bunk. The guy spent all his time in the library.
5. We cannot approve of this recycling idea. It was thought of by a bunch of hippie communist weirdos.
6. There's no reason to take seriously Nietzsche's ideas about the Superman. Weak and sickly all his short life, of course he found this concept captivating. In psychology, we call this compensation.
7. I was assigned a personal trainer at the Rec, and he gave me a new workout program. But I don't have any confidence in his expertise, since he has obvious trouble controlling his own appetite.

8. No, I will not reply. I see no need to defend my views against the objections of ignoramuses.



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Appeal to Ignorance

This fallacy occurs when you argue that your conclusion must be true, because there is no evidence against it. This fallacy wrongly shifts the burden of proof away from the one making the claim.

Examples:

1. Him: "C'mon, hook up with me tonight." Her: "Why should I?" Him: "Why shouldn't you?"
2. Since you haven't been able to prove your innocence, I must assume you're guilty.
3. You know that scientists can't prove that UFO's do not visit the Earth, so it makes sense to believe in them.
4. Even the atheist Freud admitted that the existence of God can't be disproved. So we have good reason to continue to believe in him.
5. I guess I didn't get the job. They never called me back.
6. She hasn't said she doesn't like you, right? So she's probably interested. Call her up.
7. Why are you always so skeptical of ESP? Can you prove it doesn't exist?
8. Since all who have tried to prove freedom of the will have failed, we are safe in assuming we are not free.
9. I thought I had every reason to think I was doing fine leading the group; no one complained.



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Begging the Question

The fallacy of begging the question occurs when an argument's premises assume the truth of the conclusion, instead of supporting it. In other words, you assume without proof the stand/position, or a significant part of the stand, that is in question. Begging the question is also called arguing in a circle.

Examples:

1. Erica: "How do you know that the bible is divinely inspired?" Pedro: "Because it says right in the third chapter of II Timothy that 'all scripture is given by divine inspiration of God.'"
2. Celibacy is an unnatural and unhealthy practice, since it is neither natural nor healthy to exclude sexual activity from one's life.
3. Thoughts are not part of the physical world, since thoughts are in their nature non-physical.
4. Happiness is the highest good for a human being, since all other values are inferior to it.
5. Of course smoking causes cancer. The smoke from cigarettes is a carcinogen.
6. Prosecutor to defendant: So how did you feel when you killed your wife?
7. This whole abortion debate about when human life begins is ridiculous. We should be thinking about the rights of the baby.
8. John: "Why didn't you include Lorena's poetry in the student publication?" Anne: "Because it was judged as not sufficiently worthy of publication."
9. People who deny the truth of Marxism are simply dancing to the tune of their capitalist masters, as Marx understood so well.
10. The rights of the minority are every bit as sacred as the rights of the majority, for the majority's rights have no greater value than those of the minority.



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Confusion of Necessary with a Sufficient Condition

A causal fallacy you commit this fallacy when you assume that a necessary condition of an event is sufficient for the event to occur. A necessary condition is a condition that must be present for an event to occur. A sufficient condition is a condition or set of conditions that will produce the event. A necessary condition must be there, but it alone does not provide sufficient cause for the occurrence of the event. Only the sufficient grounds can do this. In other words, all of the necessary elements must be there.

Examples:

1. Juan: "How do you think you'll do on our philosophy exam tomorrow?" Monique: "Great, I read all the books." Juan: "Yeah but do you understand this stuff?" Monique: "I said I read all the books, didn't I?"
2. Don't let all the talk about the necessity of exercise to a long life mislead you. Jim was a jock all his very short life.
3. Who said food keeps us alive? Tom died a few days ago and he was not short of good food.
4. I don't know why the car won't run; I just filled the gas tank.
5. Why don't you want to spend your life with me? I love you, and am I not good to you?
6. The counselor told me that if I wanted to graduate I must have at least 128 credit hours. Well, I've got that, but they're saying I won't walk this semester. How misleading!
7. The job description said that they were looking for someone with a Master's degree. I've got my MA, but I cannot understand why they did not hire me.

8. My high school English teacher told me successful people have extensive vocabularies. So, I've tried to learn a new vocabulary word every day since then. I should be a successful person soon.
9. "If you want the chairman to like you," he said, "you'll have to show how impressed you are with his ideas." Well, I turned myself into an ego-stroking machine, but it's pretty clear I have yet to win him over.
10. I've heard this ever since puberty: in order to fall in love with another, you have first to love yourself. This is such a crock! I have no trouble loving myself, but I can't say I've ever fallen in love in my life.

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Equivocation

The fallacy of equivocation occurs when a key term or phrase in an argument is used in an ambiguous way, with one meaning in one portion of the argument and then another meaning in another portion of the argument.

Examples:

1. I have the right to watch "The Real World." Therefore it's right for me to watch the show. So, I think I'll watch this "Real World" marathon tonight instead of studying for my exam.
2. The laws imply lawgivers. There are laws in nature. Therefore there must be a cosmic lawgiver.
3. God: "One million years to me is a second." Man: "What about one million dollars, my Lord?" God: "A penny." Man: "May my Lord give me a penny?" God: "No problem, just a second."
4. Noisy children are a real headache. Two aspirin will make a headache go away. Therefore, two aspirin will make noisy children go away.
5. A warm beer is better than a cold beer. After all, nothing is better than a cold beer, and a warm beer is better than nothing.
6. Sure philosophy helps you argue better, but do we really need to encourage people to argue? There's enough hostility in this world.
7. I don't see how you can say you're an ethical person. It's so hard to get you to do anything; your work ethic is so bad
8. From Lewis Carroll, *Through the Looking Glass*: "You couldn't have it if you didn't want it," the Queen said. "The rule is jam tomorrow and jam yesterday, but never

jam today." "It must come to jam today," Alice objected. "No, it can't," said the Queen. "It's jam every other day: today isn't any other day, you know."

9. Philosophy is supposed to stand on neutral ground. But most philosophers argue for very definite conclusions. This is hardly standing on neutral ground. Shouldn't we conclude that most philosophers aren't doing philosophy?
10. Sarah was put in classes for the exceptional student. But i discovered that despite her age she could hardly read. Surely she was put in these classes by error.



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False Dilemma

When you reason from an either-or position and you haven't considered all relevant possibilities you commit the fallacy of false dilemma.

Examples:

1. America: Love it or leave it.
2. Death is nothing to fear. It is either annihilation or migration.
3. Be my friend or be my enemy.
4. Are you a Republican or a Democrat?
5. If you're not going to heaven, you must be going to you-know-where.
6. Good students will study and learn without the threat of an exam, and bad students won't study and learn even with the threat of an exam. So, exams serve no purpose
7. Since there is nothing good on TV tonight, I will just have to get drunk.
8. Obviously great mathematicians are born, and not made. John had all the best opportunities and is only mediocre at math. But Kara was good at math from the beginning.
9. On the quad, I see the jocks in one corner, the rebels in another, and the intellectual set in yet another. Which one of these groups do you hang out with?
10. You ask how I can know that you're struggling financially? It's simple: in a capitalist economy, you either win big or you lose big, and I know you're not one of the big winners.



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Faulty Analogy

This fallacy consists in assuming that because two things are alike in one or more respects, they are necessarily alike in some other respect.

Examples:

1. Medical Student: "No one objects to a physician looking up a difficult case in medical books. Why, then, shouldn't students taking a difficult examination be permitted to use their textbooks?"
2. People who have to have a cup of coffee every morning before they can function have no less a problem than alcoholics who have to have their alcohol each day to sustain them.
3. Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer on why he accepted Louis Farrakhan's call to African-American men to take part in the 1996 Million Man March on Washington, D.C.: "If somebody has a cure for cancer, would you reject it because it was somebody you may not like who came up with it?"
4. To say humans are immortal is like saying a car can run forever.
5. During the Cold War, Congressman Charles Rose (Democrat, North Carolina) answered (in part) the arguments of those opposed to government-sponsored research to develop "remote-viewing" the ability to see a distant place telepathically by stating, "It seems to me that it would be a hell of a cheap radar system. This country wasn't afraid to look into the strange physics behind lasers and semiconductors, and I don't think we should be afraid to look into this.
6. Making people register their own guns is like the Nazis making the Jews register with their government. This policy is crazy.

7. If one were to listen to only one kind of music or eat only one kind of food, it would soon become tasteless or boring. Variety makes eating and listening exciting and enriching experiences. So it seems to me that an exclusive sexual relationship with only one partner for the rest of one's life, that is, marriage, does not hold out much hope for very much excitement or enrichment.
8. Smoking cigarettes is just like ingesting arsenic into your system. Both have been shown to be causally related to death. So if you wouldn't want to take a spoonful of arsenic, I would think that you wouldn't want to continue smoking.
9. Because human bodies become less active as they grow older, and because they eventually die, it is reasonable to expect that political bodies will become less and less active the longer they are in existence, and that they too will eventually die.
10. People who buy stocks are no different from people who bet on horse racing. They both risk their money with little chance of making a big profit.

Inconsistency

A person commits the fallacy of inconsistency when he or she makes contradictory claims.

Examples:

1. I'm a strong believer in freedom of speech and think artists should never be censored.
However, when musicians like Marilyn Manson influence the youth, you have to draw a line and say no more.
2. There is no evil in this world. Though evil exists in some parts of the world, we will overcome it sooner or later.
3. Though basic human liberty is inviolable, a person like Smith has forfeited his right to be a human by committing such a heinous crime. He deserves to be tortured to death.
4. Of course consenting adults should be able to do whatever they want. We are in a free country. But some things violate the laws of nature, and if people get caught doing those things, we should send them to jail.
5. I do think you are an adult and can make your own decisions, but deciding whether you want to have a drink is too important and you'll have to wait until you are 21.
6. I'm all for equal rights for women. I just think a woman's place is in the home.
7. There are few philosophic truths more certain than this: all claims to truth in the realm of morality are subjective and arbitrary.
8. Although religious beliefs are the proper object of faith, not reason, it would be hard to deny that some religious beliefs are simply irrational.



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Irrelevant Authority

The fallacy of irrelevant authority is committed when you accept without proper support for his or her alleged authority, a person's claim or proposition as true. Alleged authorities should only be used when the authority is reporting on his or her field of expertise, the authority is reporting on facts about which there is some agreement in his or her field, and you have reason to believe he or she can be trusted. Alleged authorities can be individuals or groups. The attempt to appeal to the majority or the masses is a form of irrelevant authority. The attempt to appeal to an elite or select group is a form of irrelevant authority.

Examples:

1. Brad Pitt was seen wearing Designer Bob's sunglasses, so they must be the best sunglasses to wear.
2. There is nothing to be learned from the East, for Gilbert Ryle, the great British philosopher once said, nothing but the sun rises in the East.
3. Nobody is a better judge than public opinion.
4. Pacifism is a good idea because the brilliant scientist Einstein advocated it.
5. Mom, why can't I get my tongue pierced? Everyone else is doing it.
6. Most of my friends say they stopped thinking about philosophy the minute they got through the semester, so I know this class is worthless.
7. Everyone loves the Danger Kitty album; they must be a great band.
8. I agree with Alec Baldwin's stance on global warming. He must know what he's talking about, being a famous celebrity and all.

Is Ought

The is-ought fallacy occurs when the assumption is made that because things are a certain way, they should be that way. It can also consist of the assumption that because something is not now occurring, this means it should not occur. In effect, this fallacy asserts that the status quo should be maintained simply for its own sake. It seeks to make a value of a fact or to derive a moral imperative from the description of a state of affairs.

Examples:

1. We do not currently regulate the amount of nicotine in an individual cigarette; therefore we need not do this.
2. If nature does not make it, we shouldn't have it.
3. We've always had Bonfire, so we always should.
4. The Electoral College is specified in the Constitution, so we can't do away with it.
5. Of course homosexuality is immoral. You don't see any animals doing that.
6. It's totally natural to have many sexual partners. Go with it.
7. Oh, Larry, why are you so upset about my cheating on the exam? I saw an article saying 70% of college students admit to cheating. I think it's to be expected that people will do whatever it takes to get what they want. So, people should do what they have to do.
8. The simple fact is that war is good for mankind, since the tendency to conflict is a human instinct.
9. Why do you argue about whether abortion is moral? It's legal isn't it?



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Ought Is

The ought-is fallacy occurs when you assume that the way you want things to be is the way they are. This is also called wishful thinking. Wishful thinking is believing what you want to be true no matter the evidence or without evidence at all, or assuming something is not true, because you do not want it to be so.

Examples:

1. Angels do exist. It makes me feel better to think they are with me, so I'm justified in saying they are.
2. I don't care what all those studies say, I believe that capital punishment deters criminals.
3. I just know that Al Gore won the 2000 election, so George W. Bush is not my president.
4. I know Henry has been missing for two years, but the thought of him being dead is unbearable. So, I know he is alive and we will find him.
5. I know there is God. Life would be meaningless otherwise.
6. I know I got that job because nobody deserves it more than I do. I work hard and do the right things.
7. Of course, the soul is immortal. If it were not, then we would all be mere specks of dust in cosmic time.
8. Jason is alive. He must be. He is my son.
9. Is evil an inherent quality of the world? How could it be? What a wretched place this earth would be if it were.



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Questionable Cause

This fallacy occurs when a causal connection is assumed without proof. All too often claims to a causal connection are based on a mere correlation. The occurrence of one event after the other or the occurrence of events simultaneously is not proof of a causal connection.

Examples:

1. We never had a problem with this elevator until you moved into the building.
2. They had a very successful business. Then they decided to adopt a child, and the business when immediately into the red.
3. Please read this message then forward it. Three people who received and forwarded this message received thousands of dollars each, but Ms. Elma Smith failed to forward this message and she suffered a lengthy problem with an ingrown toenail. Forward this to five people right away, if you know what is good for you.
4. When the NFC wins the Super Bowl, the Stock Market usually has a good year. I hope the NFC wins next year because my portfolio is taking a beating.
5. I'm sure that Marilyn Manson's music had something to do with those murders. They found Manson CD's in one of the murderer's private collection.
6. Well, right after my wife divorced me, I couldn't get a date to save my life. There's got to be some connection there.
7. Six months after Hoover took office in 1929, the stock market crashed and the Great Depression began. He is therefore responsible for this tragic episode in our history.
8. My day had been going fine up to the time I walked under that ladder. After that, everything went sour.

9. For every thought in our heads, there is a corresponding chemical activity in the brain.
What more evidence do we need that our thoughts are caused by brain processes?
10. After women started working in this county, divorce rates went up and now an alarming number of homes in this nation are broken. It's obvious that if we value marriage as an institution, we should discourage women from working.



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Red Herring

This fallacy consists in diverting attention from the real issue by focusing instead on an issue having only a surface relevance to the first.

Examples:

1. Son: "Wow, Dad, it's really hard to make a living on my salary." Father: "Consider yourself lucky, son. Why, when I was your age, I only made \$40 a week."
2. Senator Clark: "Why are you not willing to support the antiabortion amendment? Don't you have any feelings at all for the unborn children whose lives are being indiscriminately blotted out?" Senator Rich: "I just don't understand why you people who get so worked up about lives being blotted out by abortion don't have the same feelings about the thousands of lives that are blotted out every year by the indiscriminate use of handguns. Is not the issue of the sanctity of human life involved in both issues? Why have you not supported us in our efforts at gun-control legislation?"
3. Student: "The opinions of the students are completely ignored in the process of determining both curricular changes and social programs. The students should have a much greater voice in campus governance, because we have a very great stake in this institution, and we think that we have a positive contribution to make." Professor: "The faculty are the ones who need a greater voice. Professors can be fired without explanation, and they have no control over who is promoted or given tenure. Their opinions about budgetary allotments are completely ignored. Why aren't you concerned about the injustice the faculty is experiencing?"
4. Daughter: "I'm so hurt that Todd broke up with me, Mom." Mother: "Just think of all the starving children in Africa, honey. Your problems will seem pretty insignificant then."

5. Ms. Olive has objected to my views on capital punishment by trying to show that the taking of human life, legally or illegally, cannot be ethically justified. But the matter is really simple, isn't it? Murderers certainly aren't ethically justified in taking the lives of their victims. Does anyone ever think of the poor victim?
6. Andy: "Hey, what's with all this junk food you bought? You're always railing at me about eating healthy." Aunt Bea: "Don't fuss -- it was on sale."
7. Reporter: "It seems to me that if you were elected president, the Congress with which you would have to work would not be very cooperative at all. How could you, as president, bring about any reform or help enact any beneficial legislation with a Congress that was almost totally opposed to your programs?" Ross Perot: "Well, if I were elected, about half the members of Congress would drop dead of heart attacks, and half of my problem would be solved from the outset."
8. Jack: "Bob Dylan is the greatest performer of our time." Jill: "Well, Dylan is a fine writer, but as a performer, he stinks. I saw a concert of his once and we was singing unintelligibly and looked like he was falling asleep." Jack: "Well, Fleetwood Mac, one of your favorite groups, is not so great in concert either."
9. Teresa: "It's so obvious that an open society will always be vulnerable to terrorist attack, so the question is how much of our free movement we are willing to sacrifice for national security." George: "No, the question is how our government agencies could have been so stupid as to ignore all the signs of the impending attack."
10. Reporter: "Mr. President, your opponent, Walter Mondale is considerably younger than you. Do you think that with the threat of nuclear war, age should be an issue in this campaign?" President Reagan: "Not at all. I am not going to exploit my opponent's youth and inexperience."



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Slippery Slope

In a slippery slope argument, a course of action is rejected because, with little or no evidence, one insists that it will lead to a chain reaction resulting in an undesirable end or ends. The slippery slope involves an acceptance of a succession of events without direct evidence that this course of events will happen.

Example:

1. We can't permit the sale of marijuana by doctor's prescription, because that will lead people to believe it's an acceptable drug; this will open the floodgates to the complete legalization of the drug for use by every pothead in the country.
2. Today late for ten minutes, tomorrow late for an hour, and then someday you will simply cease to show up.
3. Earlier this year in New York, a cop killed a pedestrian on the following reasoning: Oh! Here is a man who is scratching his head in public. He is so rude! Next he will pick his nose. Then when he gets on the bus, he will put his germs on the handrail. The next moment an inadvertent child's mouth will touch it. And then the child will get sick. Then, his whole family will get sick as well. There will be an outbreak of disease in the city! The cop could not bear thinking any further, and fired his gun.
4. People who drink more than six alcoholic beverages a day are more likely to have health problems than people who do not drink alcohol. After one drink, people lose their ability to make good decisions and end up drinking more and more until they are drinking more than six drinks each day. Therefore, all consumption of alcohol should be banned.
5. If Texas adopts a personal income tax, I'm moving away. An income tax at the state level is just a first step to communism.

6. If we legalize pot, then that will lead to every drug in the world becoming legal. I'll vote no on Proposition 34.
7. I don't think it's a good idea to lower the drinking age. Next thing we know kids will get to drive at age ten, and vote at fifteen. Let kids be kids and adults be adults.
8. *Juan*: I knew he was a dishonorable government official all along and now I can prove it. *Maria*: How? *Juan*: Well, he admitted that as a prisoner of war in Vietnam he continually lied to his captors. *Maria*: Yeah, he should have. *Juan*: Sure, most people think that you can justify lies that protect your country in wartime. But then, of course, lying could be justified to protect your country in times of peace. Then, government officials become capable of justifying lying about all their activities. Now you can be sure that since he is accomplished at justifying his lies, he tells lies whenever he feels like it. Now, we can never trust a thing he says.
9. Today, women want the vote. Tomorrow, they'll want to be doctors and lawyers, and then combat soldiers. Give them that, and before long, they'll insist on taking the initiative in sex. If you want to protect the very meaning of masculinity, you must deny them suffrage.
10. First we loosen up the laws against abortion. Next, mark my words; we'll take seriously the option of infanticide in certain severe cases. And this will lead us to look with favor on euthanasia for those we deem social deviants



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Straw Person

This fallacy occurs when, in attempting to refute another person's argument, you address only a weak or distorted version of it. Straw person is the misrepresentation of an opponent's position or a competitor's product to tout one's own argument or product as superior. This fallacy occurs when the weakest version of an argument is attacked while stronger ones are ignored.

Examples:

1. *Lloyd*: Can you allow time for more class discussion? *Prof. Schwartz*: I don't want to give the entire class period over to some aimless bull session.
2. Pro-choice is absurd. How could anyone support killing an innocent human being?
3. Egalitarianism is wrong because it is the same as communism.
4. It's appalling to me that the people who oppose the death penalty believe the lives of convicted murderers are more important than the lives of their victims. This alone shows that the opponents of capital punishment are wrong.
5. Senator Jackson is anti-woman. After all, he voted against anti-pornography legislation, so he is in favor of the sexual and violent exploitation of women.
6. *Smith*: We must have equal consideration for same sex couples as we do for heterosexual couples. It is unconstitutional to deny rights to these Americans. *Jones*: If you want men to be able to wear wedding dresses that's fine, but I don't want my tax dollars going to some ridiculous liberal idea.
7. *Debra*: There is no logical or moral justification for the killing of animals for food. Animals are sentient creatures that deserve the same consideration as humans. *Joe*: Look, if you want to eat grass like a cow, Bon Appetit! Just let me have my hamburger.

8. *Immanuel*: When people are happy, they are more inclined to obey the moral law.

Knowing this, we can see that we all have an indirect moral obligation to be happy.

John: Sure, sure. Let's encourage people to pursue happiness at any price, is that it?

But what you don't seem to understand is that one person's unrestrained pursuit of personal happiness can wreak havoc on the personal happiness of others.

9. *Inez*: The double standard has been as hard on men as it has been on women, since it tends to define masculinity in a very narrow way, and this has restricted men's freedom to explore the full range of their possibilities. *Jean*: What are you saying, Inez? Do you think women have had all the freedom in the world in this regard? On the contrary, socially sanctioned female roles have been like a straightjacket to women.



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Two Wrongs

If you try to justify an act/belief by pointing out in others a similar act/belief, you are committing the fallacy of "two wrongs make a right." This fallacy can occur by suggesting "if others are doing it, I can too" (common practice). Another form of the fallacy occurs when you dismiss a criticism of your action/belief, because your critic is acting/believing in a similar way (you do it, too).

Example:

1. I'm tailgating her, because she cut me off!
2. Big deal! Lots of people cheat too.
3. You tell me it's unpatriotic to cheat on federal income tax reports. Well, you should know. You've never once listed your gargantuan bonuses.
4. Why are my parents on my back about smoking pot? They are out every night getting drunk.
5. Why shouldn't I gossip about Laura Jane? You know she talks about us every chance she gets.
6. Jon: "Go easy on the scotch; you've had three shots already now." Jeff: "Oh sure, I'll put down my scotch when you put down that tequila. Lay off, man."
7. Lou: "It is immoral to use non-human animals for our own purposes. That includes eating animals, or using them for our clothing." Greg: "Okay, Mr. Leather Shoes, I hear you loud and clear. Let me eat my steak now, would you please?"
8. The city should not be singling out our company's problems at our chemical storage facilities, when the EPA records indicate the city's very own landfill has been cited as needing improvements. The council needs to clean up its own mess, before they go

after us.

9. "There's nothing more noble to behold than a sober mind in a healthy body," he would tell me when he caught me drinking. But it was hard to take him seriously, since half the time he was drunk himself



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Unwarranted Generalization

This fallacy occurs when we we make a generalization on the basis of insufficient evidence. This may occur when we rely on too small of a sample or an unrepresentative sample to support the generalization.

Example:

1. Children of faculty are brats. I baby-sit for one of my professors and his children are spoiled and demanding.
2. Bald men are smart. You see, my brother is bald, and he is a genius.
3. Japanese is so easy. Everything was a piece of cake on the first day of the class.
4. I was going to buy a new Honda, but my uncle had one back in the '70's and it was small and noisy and very uncomfortable. I don't think I want an uncomfortable car, so I'll buy something else.
5. I know this will be a horrible class. They tell me the professor is old. Old professors are unable to talk with today's college students.
6. My experience with my ex-wife was such a bad one that I have no intention of ever marrying again. In fact, I would not recommend marriage to anyone.
7. It has been concluded from a recent study involving more than 100,000 people in Florida that 43 percent of the American people now spend at least two hours a day in some form of recreational activity.
8. You don't want to take history from a man. They always have a sexist bias.
9. I've had two maids of the Celluloid race. Both stole money from my drawer. Believe me, you can't trust a Celluloid.

10. The health of the environment is now a major concern of the American people. Some 5,000 students, male and female, at 30 colleges and universities throughout the country were asked to list in order of priority the three public issues of greatest concern to them. More than 4,000 ranked the environment as their number one concern.